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TO AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE PRIORITY  
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LIMDIS ROME FOR FODAG

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:EAID, EAGR, US, LA, UNDP, WFP

SUBJECT: FOOD AID TO LAOS

REF: VIENTIANE 509

1. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY UNDP NEW YORK THAT UNDP RESREP  
IN VIENTIANE HAS SENT THEM CABLE ASKING FOR NEW APPEAL FOR  
AID TO LAOS TO ARRIVE IN JUNE-SEPTEMBER TIMEFRAME. RESREP  
STATES THAT THERE IS SERIOUS OUTSTANDING DEFICIT OF SOME  
25,000 TONS OF FOOD AID NEEDED FOR LAOS (VICE THE APPROXI-  
MATELY 20,000 TONS UNDP HAD ESTIMATED IN APRIL). CABLE  
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FROM RESREP VIENTIANE ALSO STATES "THERE IS NO QUESTION  
LAOS NOT ABLE TO ABSORB FOOD AID. STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION  
CONSTITUTE NO PROBLEM SO LONG AS FOOD ARRIVES AT VIENTIANE  
AND NOT REPEAT NOT AT SAVANNAKHET." FINALLY, RESREP STATES  
THERE IS SLIPPAGE OF SOME 12,000 TONS OF FOODSTUFFS WHICH  
WILL NOT NOW BE FORTHCOMING.

2. WE ASSUME RESREP'S CABLE WAS RESPONSE TO SITUATION DESCRIBED IN REFTEL. INFORMATION HE HAS PROVIDED UNDP NEW YORK IS NOW BEING ACTIVELY DISSEMINATED HERE BY QUAKERS AND MENNONITES AND BY CONGRESSMEN WHO SUPPORT FOOD AID FOR LAOS. IN CIRCUMSTANCES, REQUEST EMBASSY VIENTIANE AND FODAG ROME TO TRY TO DISCOVER WHERE 12,000 TON "SLIPPAGE"

HAS OCCURRED FROM WFP AND UNDP VIENTIANE SOURCES. UNDP NEW YORK DOES NOT HAVE INFORMATION ON WHICH DONORS HAVE NOT COME UP WITH PROMISED FOOD.

4. FOR VIENTIANE: WE ASSUME FROM PARA 4 REFTEL THAT IT REMAINS YOUR BEST ASSESSMENT THAT U.S. FOOD AID WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE NEEDED IN NEXT FEW MONTHS, BUT NEED YOUR CONFIRMATION OF THIS. CHRISTOPHER

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